

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the paragraph at page 3, lines 2-20, and replace with the following:

--FIG. 1 illustrates a child-resistant closure and container package 20 in accordance with one presently preferred embodiment of the invention as comprising a container 22 and a dispensing closure 24 secured to the container finish. Container 22 has a body 26 of flexible resilient construction, preferably molded plastic construction, that may be squeezed by a user to dispense product through closure 24 from within the container. Referring to FIGS. 1-8, closure 24 includes a base 28 having a deck 30 and a peripheral skirt 32. Skirt 32 has one or more internal threads or beads 34 for securement over one or more external threads or beads on the finish of container 22. A discharge or dispensing opening 36 is formed in deck 30, preferably although not necessarily by an annular upwardly extending wall. (Directional words such as "upward" and "downward" are employed by way of description and not limitation with respect to the upright orientation of the package and closure illustrated, for example, in FIGS. 1-2 and 4-6. Directional words such as "radial," "axial" and "lateral" are employed by way of description and not limitation with respect to the central axis of the closure skirt.) A cover or lid 38 is coupled to base ~~30~~ 28 by a hinge 40 that extends between lid 38 and base 28, preferably but not necessarily between the periphery of lid 38 and the periphery of base 28. Closure 24, including base 28 and lid 38, preferably is of integrally molded plastic construction. In the embodiment of closure 24 illustrated in FIGS. 3- 8, an annular wall 42 extends from the base wall 44 of lid 38 for plug-sealing engagement within dispensing opening 32 in the closed position of lid 38 overlying deck 30 of base 28.--